## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A vaccine comprising an immunogen capable of eliciting an immune response protective against infection by feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV) when administered in an effective amount to a susceptible host.

- 2. A vaccine composition as in claim 1,
  further comprising an adjuvant.
- 3. A method for protecting a cat against FIV infection, said method comprising administering to said cat an effective dose of a vaccine comprising an immogen capable of eliciting an immune response protective against infection by FIV.

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